MULTICULTURALISM- QUESTIONS:

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| **QUESTIONS** | **DEFINITIONS, POINTS** |
| How would you define multiculturalism? | * A society marked by the influence of several distinct cultures |
| Why have multicultural societies developed? | * International trade * Mass immigration (the USA) * Forced immigration- slaves * The British Empire dismantled- immigration from Common Wealth countries * Post war economic recovery- import/ immigration of foreign workers * Refugees from areas of conflict |
| Globalization- definition | * The set of processes that have led to a more interconnected and multicultural world |
| Examples of these processes:   * Work   A better life  What may go wrong?  Multinational companies  New technology | * work migration btw nations * financing of training and export of highly skilled workers from the 3d world * illegal immigration- leading to more border control and forced deportation * refugees from unstable regions – lack of social, political and economic practices to help * buy up regional/national businesses * instant exchange of information and ideas btw ordinary people |
| Multicultural or McWorld.  The effect of globalization  Examples of issues that are debated | * will individual cultures soon be extinct? * Americanization of the whole world? |
| Consumerism- what role does it play?  Only Americal products? | * The real power of globalization * Signs of diversity in buyer habits, i.e *Sony, Nokia, Adidas* are now popular brands- and these are not American |
| What influences of multiculturalism can you see on the English language? | * Local languages blending into new forms like Creole and Pidgin * English used as a lingua franca , still influenced by local language * Blending with native languages * Learning about cultural codes important. Otherwise misunderstandings might occur |
| How to enhance a multicultural identity? Challenges:  How to keep your unique identity?  Do immigrant cultures influence host cultures at all? | * Assimilation= melting pot or: * Small individual ethnic neighborhoods, like Chinatown in NY * Social conflicts btw neighborhoods * Society compared to a salad bowl, where ethnic diversity is encouraged, but at the same time Is unifying * More than the other way around- examples- Polish newspaper in Reading, Pakistani shopkeepers learn Spanish Polish here |
| Challenges in the multicultural society, topics debated | * Should immigrants become more English? * Adoption of immigrant traditions in the host country? * Making the multicultural society into a unity with equally important subcultures? |
| Main question: diversity versus unity | * A struggle to find the best way to encourage diversity without causing ethnic segregation |
| HOW? | * Through laws? * Through changes in attitude? * Tolerance (what does it mean to be British?) * Tests for citizenship to make immigrants adjust better? |
| Immigrant problems | * Not accepted as full citizens even after generations * They face assumptions of belonging to the country of their ancestors (especially visible minorities) |
| Development in the world | * Mixed race people rapidly growing in numbers – interracial marriages * Cultural identity no longer decided on looks |
| The post- multicultural world?/ third cultures? | * Third cultures- the culture of the ancestors mixed with the culture in which people live. * Each third culture individual is unique * Culture = a matter of personal choice |
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